Installation of statue of Mahatma Gandhi at India Gate

511. SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) by when the statue of Mahatma Gandhi is likely to be installed at the India Gate; and

(b) whether Government are re-thinking on the issue or likely to review the earlier decision?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) and (b) The whole matter is under review because various aspects have to be considered.

रेलवे स्टेशनों पर प्लास्टिक के गिलासों में चाय की बिक्री की प्रथा के कारण कुम्हार समुदाय में बेरोजगारी का व्याप्त होना

512. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय :** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि रेलवे स्टेशनों पर मिट्टी के कुल्हड़ों के स्थान पर प्लास्टिक के गिलासों में चाय की बिक्री की प्रथा के कारण कुम्हार समुदाय में बेरोजगारी व्याप्त हो गई है ; और

(ख) क्या सरकार मिट्टी से बने कुल्हड़ों में चाय की बिक्री की प्रथा पुनः शुरू करने का विचार रखती है और यदि हां, तो कब तक ?

रेल मंत्री (श्री जार्ज फर्नांडीज) : (क) कुछ अभ्यावेदन प्राप्त हुए है ।

(ख) जी हां, इसे शीघ्र शुरू किया जायेगा ।

Recommendations of Task Force on Child Labour

513. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what are the main recommendations of the Task Force on Child Labour headed by the eminent Jurist Dr. L.M. Singhvi;

(b) what is Government's reaction on the report ; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) A summary of the main recommendations of the Task Force on Child Labour is attached (statement). (*See* below)

(b) and (c) The Report of the Task Force will be placed before the next meeting of the Central Advisory Board on Child Labour before taking appropriate action in the matter.

Statement

Summary of the recommendations of the Task Force on Child Labour.

I. General

(i) Problems of child labour should be seen as problems of children.

(ii) The problems of children should be viewed keeping in view all the ramifications such as mortality, nutrition, employment, educational facilities, population explotion, poverty etc.

(iii) There should be more resources for welfare schemes which should be given overriding priority.

(iv) A Joint Committee of the Houses of Parliament and a similar Committee in State Legislatures should function as a Standing Committee to represent children.

(v) All problems relating to children should be dealt with by one single Ministry.

(vi) The Central Advisory Board and State Boards should be given statutory status.

(vii) There should be statutory Child Labour Ombudsman or Commission for investigation, resolution of grievances and disputes for giving directions to employers and others.

(viii) National and zonal institutes should be set up for training and research relating to child labour problems.

(ix) During Census operations and collection of data, child labour should be given particular attention.

(x) The Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986 and other allied Acts should be kept under constant and careful review.

(xi) A comprehensive child labour code should be evolved.

II. Important Recommendations pertaining to the Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986

1. The Act should contain a time-table with outer limits as to when it will come into force.

2. A uniform definition of child with reference to age is required.

3. There should be a provision to extend the definition of 'establishment' in Section 2 (iv) of the Act by means of notification and there should be no loophole for the organised sector or the units to exploit child labour.

4. There should be an enabling proviso to Section 3 to check exploitation of child labour under the guise of occupier carrying on a process with the aid of his family.

5. The advisory function of the Technical Advisory Committee under Section 5(1) should be expanded and it should be able to receive petitions from individuals, etc. for ddition of occupations and processes to the Schedule.

6. Section 12 relating to the display of the provisions of Sections 3 and 14, should be in part II or in Part IV.

7. There should be a mandatory time-limit for enforcement of the provisions of the Act.

8. The penalty for violation should be increased under Section 14(3) and Section 15 and three-fourths of the fine imposed should be payable to the children or their guardians.

9. Proceedings under Section 16 of the Act should be completed within six months.

10. Under Section 17, non-Governmental organisations and their Heads may be notified as Inspectors.

11. Section 18 should contain a mandatory time-limit for preparation of rules.

12. The proviso to Section 21(1) should be amended to provide for extention for a further period of 3 years.

III. National Policy and Action Plan

1. A white paper on child labour should be published.

2. The National Policy and Action Plan should spell out the details of objectives of the policy and the type of financial assistance to voluntary agencies and the apparatus which should be entrusted with child labour policy and programmes.

3. Specific strategy should be adopted for tackling problems of paid family workers, apprentices, wage earning workers and workers in certain establishments and in the unorganised sectors.

4. Welfare measures to child workers should include education facilities and vocational guidance.

5. Awareness programmes on massive scales should be undertaken to create public opinion and interest on problems of child labour.

Steering Committee to monitor Operation Flood II

514. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a steering committee was set up to monitor implementation of Operation Flood II and to help IDC/NDDB in order to keep a close watch on expenditure and other matters in view of foreign aid and funds involved;

(b) whether this committee met 3 times from 1983 to 1985 and if so, the number of meetings held from 1985 till date and what were the decisions/recommendations of this committee thereon and action taken thereon ; and

(c) what is the present composition of this committee?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL) : (a) A Steering Committee under the chairmanship of Secretary (Agri. & Rural Development) was set up on 6th December, 1978 to monitor the implementation of Operation Flood II (O.F.II). The Committee had the following functions to perform:—

1. Monitor the implementation of the Project.

2. Take steps for removal of any impediments in implementation of the project and for correction of the deficiencies observed in the course of implementation.

3. Help the Indian Dairy Corporation/The National Dairy Development Board overcome problems, if any, with the State Government and concerned international aid agencies in implementation of the project.

4. Coordinate implementation of other central sector and centrally sponsored Dairy Development and Cattle Husbandary Schemes, drought prone areas programmes and schemes for small and marginal farmer with Operation Flood II and its sub-projects so as to achieve economy, avoid duplication and ensure benefits from the projects to the weaker sections of the society.

(b) The Committee met 3 times from 1983 to 1985. Since the Committee was set up to monitor implementation of O.F.II and O.F.